

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: d1s1-0032.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

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| Classification: | Objectionable. |
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 701789

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file printout *d1s1-0032.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout is a sexualised image of a young girl, 11-13 years old, naked apart from a white lace suspender belt. The girl's pose is contrived to draw the viewer's eye to her bare breasts, to the glimpse of her genitals at the bottom of the frame, and to the "sexy" nature of the garment she is trying on. By presenting such an image, the publication links youthfulness with sexual desirability and encourages a sexual interest in young persons. It also advances the idea that young persons are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.